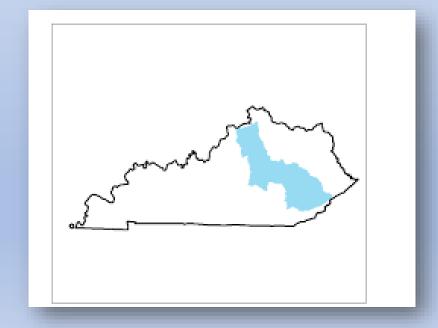


Discover the Kentucky River Watershed Through Science, History, Art and Culture



Fish t-Shirt design

Bluegill
Watercolor with Pat Banks



We are going to explore images and textures of our Beautiful Kentucky River through photos, sketching and painting! Then we will design a















Kentucky River Facts

- The Kentucky River, including its upper tributaries, is approximately 420 miles long from its beginning in the mountains of eastern Kentucky to the Ohio River in Carrollton.
- There are all or part of 42 counties in the Kentucky River Basin,
- Almost one million people depend on the Kentucky River for their primary source of drinking water, agricultural production, and numerous industrial uses.
- There are many threats to the Kentucky River. We must be good stewards!



What is the Kentucky River Sweep? Why do they need a T-Shirt?

In 1991, the Kentucky River Authority made its first effort to clean up the banks of the Kentucky River and its tributaries. Since then, the Kentucky River Authority has organized an annual river sweep.

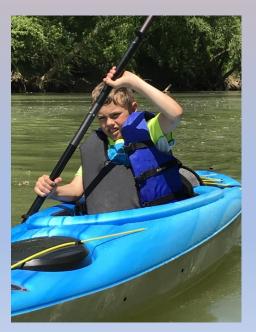
Volunteers have removed tons of trash and debris, including household appliances, automobiles, and recyclable items from the river and its tributaries. In 1994, the KRA held its first River Sweep.

This event gives individuals and communities the opportunity to actively make a difference in the quality of the environment, enhance the opportunity for tourism and economic development, and learn more about community pride and organization.

The Kentucky River Authority gives a T-SHIRT to all of the volunteers!!!!







How do we make a t-Shirt design? We need some tools!



We will need reference photos.

Drawing skills.

Painting skills.

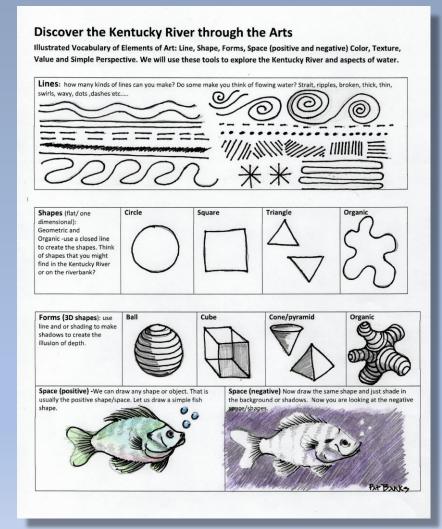


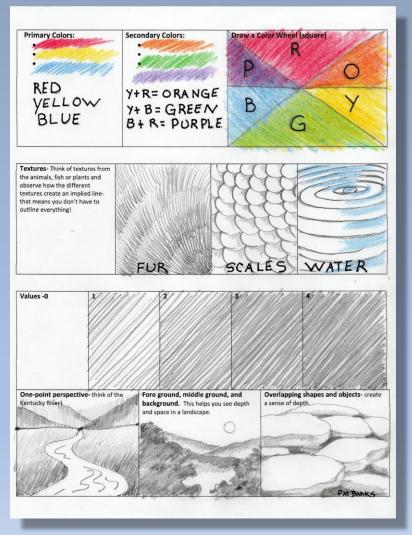




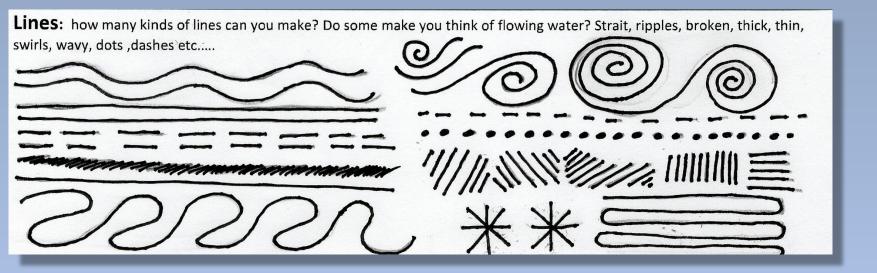
and pencil will need a #2 **Illustrated**

Let's work on the Illustrated Visual Arts Vocabulary together! It looks complicated but we will do this together!!! Day One!





Lines are so much fun! Look what we can do!

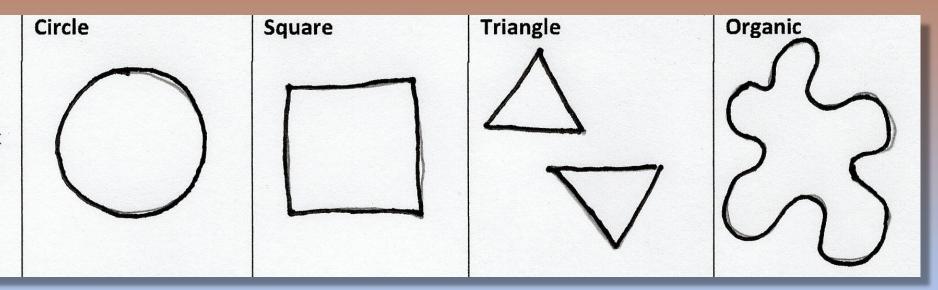






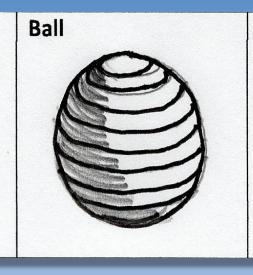
Shapes are everywhere! Here are some basic shapes. Can you find them around you?

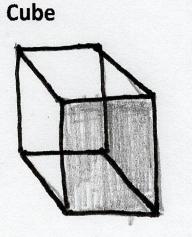
Shapes (flat/one dimensional):
Geometric and
Organic -use a closed line to create the shapes. Think of shapes that you might find in the Kentucky River or on the riverbank?

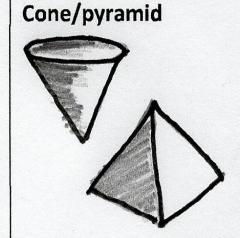


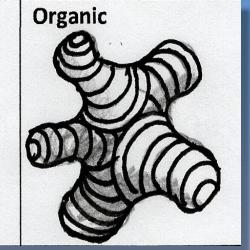
Form is a 3-D shape! Let's do these together, see how contour lines and shadows help make objects look 3-D?

Forms (3D shapes): use line and or shading to make shadows to create the illusion of depth.



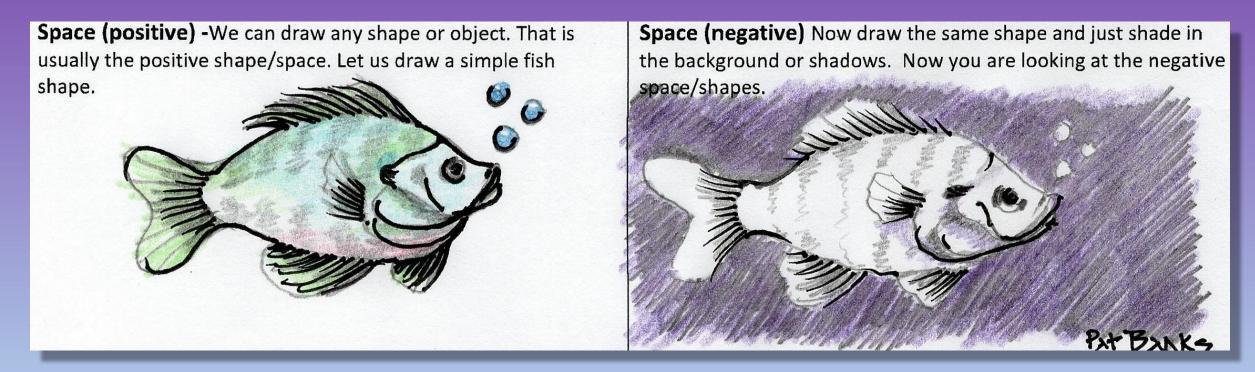






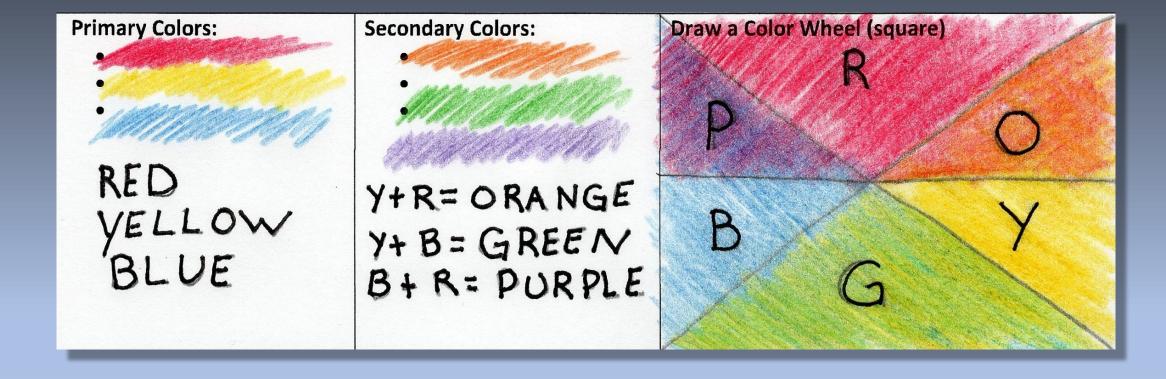


Now let's draw this simple fish shape, We will make two drawings that are very similar. The first one we will focus on the fish details. The second fish we will focus on the background!



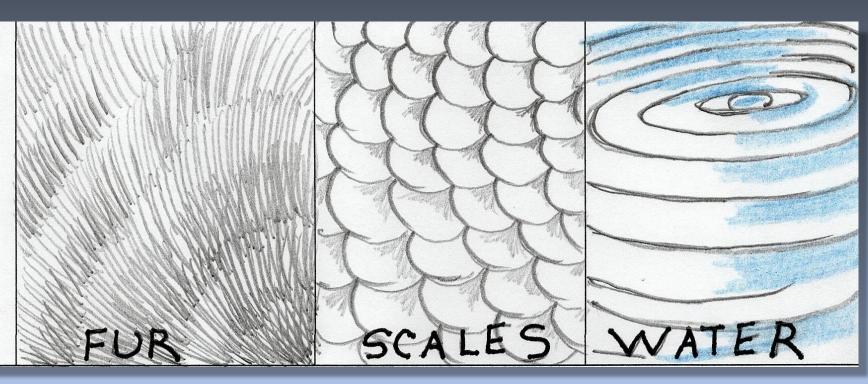
Look how different these drawings look! They started out just the same?

Color!



Texture is every where! Think of all the plants, animals, fish and birds in the Kentucky River watershed.

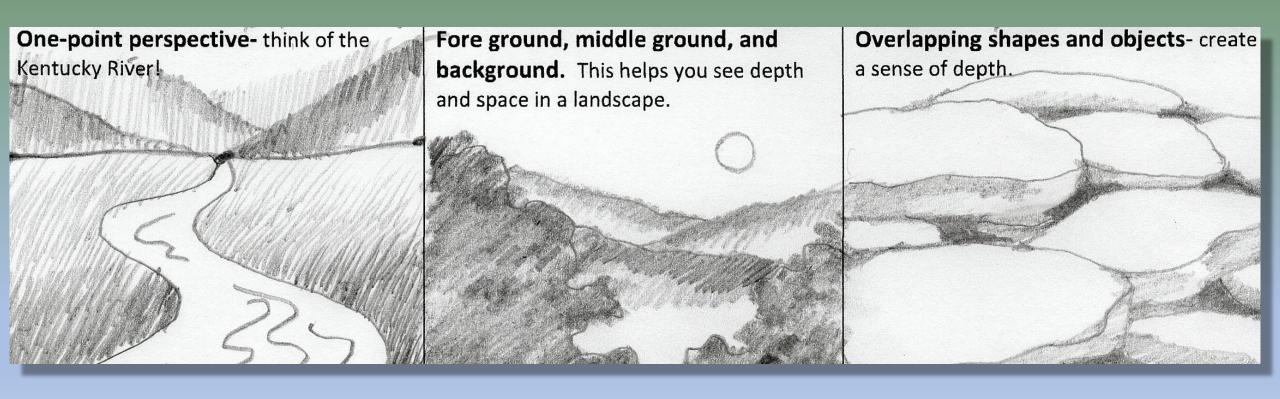
Textures - Think of textures from the animals, fish or plants and observe how the different textures create an implied linethat means you don't have to outline everything!



Value Light Dark



Depth- Space- Perspective



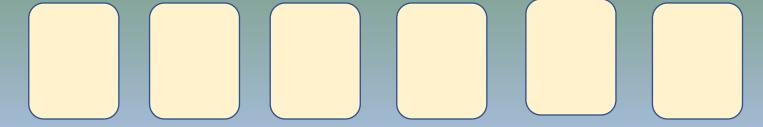
Day two! Explore Watercolor!!!!
First this is your table set up!



You will need 6 small pieces of Watercolor paper. Feel the texture of the paper! It is made to stand up to water.

First draw boarders around each of your papers, like a frame.

Draw two fish shapes on two pieces of your paper with your #2 pencil, draw very light!



Next Draw your letters (there will be a small letter at the lower bottom right hand corner.) We will combine our letters to spell....

Kentucky Riversweep!

Now we paint!

Add some drops of water to each of the paint pans to make your paint happy!

The first fish we will lay in the background. Use clear water and wet the areas around the fish.

Working very quickly get some blue paint on your brush. Now drop it into the wet areas of the paper! Watch the magic happen.



Now for your second fish we will do the opposite!
This time add the clear water to your fish. Now very carefully using your detail brush add some blueish green to your brush.

Now lightly touch the tip of the brush to he edges of your fish. This will be the underpainting for your fish. Add some of the patterns. DO NOT ADD THE DETAILS YET! We will add the eyes and gills when the fish is dry!!!



Now we will do your letters!

First, we will add clear water to your letter (one letter at a time) then we will add two colors to the letter.

Yellow first. Just touch your loaded brush to the wet letter and watch the paint spread! Now rinse your brush and change the color.

Work fast before the paper dries!





Day Three

Looking at this Bluegill reference photo draw a blue gill on each piece of your large watercolor paper!

Remember press lightly with your pencil!

Draw the body shape of the fish first then start looking at details, fins, scales, eyes.



Now that you have your drawings of the Bluegill, put the first one in front of you. Add drops of water to your paint pans to make your paint happy!

Add clear water to the background then add green to your brush and stroke it into the background now quickly rinse your brush and add blue to your brush, Now stop and let it dry!



Place your second fish in front of you, now this time we will add clear water to the body of fish. With your detail brush dip it into the water now get a small amount of yellow and just lightly add some yellow to the fins. Rinse your brush add pink/orange to the belly. Rinse your brush and now mix blue and green together on your palette. Now very lightly touch the blue green to the wet body of your fish. Mostly around the edges. Let it dry slightly. Mix a touch of black into the bluegreen mixture. Now observe the dark vertical bars on the fish pattern. Lightly touch the brush to the fish body and add the vertical bars onto your fish.

Now stop! Let these paintings dry before we can add the details!!!



Day Four

Now we will add our details! Eyes, gills, fins! Today you will need your small fish paintings and your two large paintings. We will use the detail brush!





Day Five

We are almost finished!
Today we finish our paintings.
Just a little touch here and a touch there!

Put/glue all your maps, handouts and watercolors in your project journals!

Congratulations!!!!



